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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/905,174	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DVORAK ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ms. Beth Van Doren (Primary Examiner). (3)\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Mr. Ernie Beffel (Applicant's Representative). (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 12 March 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: See attached references to McIntyre, Petrochecko, and Stockton, describing step functions used with respect to inventory scheduling and management.

Claim(s) discussed: 65.

Identification of prior art discussed: Singh et al. (U.S. 2002/0169657).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Beffel and Ms. Van Doren discussed the Singh et al. reference and the official notice taken with respect to the use of step functions. Examiner stated she would look briefly for references to support the use of step functions. In a followup conversation on 3/20/08, Examiner discussed the results of a brief search, we are attached herewith. Examiner awaits action by Applicant.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Beth Van Doren/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3623

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Examiner's signature, if required